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WOOL GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS AND ADJOURN

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such action as may be necessary to see that the wool growers of New Mexico receive fair and just treatment as to the freight rates in shipping their wool.

Resolved, That we urge upon congress the necessity of the enactment of a law that will empower the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint proper inspectors of the forest service who shall have the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths and take testimony in the investigation of alleged wrong in forest reserve management.

Resolved, That the executive committee of this association be and hereby is, authorized and required to devise and provide such measures as will secure to the members of this association, the best means of sale, and the best market, for the sheep and wool products of such members, and to do all in their power to carry into effect such measures and means.

Whereas, The shortage of cars for the transportation for sheep in the Territory of New Mexico has caused a great financial loss to the sheep growers of the territory, be it therefore,

Resolved, That this convention deprecates such action on the part of the railroad and deems it unjust and detrimental to the best interests of the sheep growers of the territory.

Be it further Resolved, That the president of this association appoint a committee of three to investigate such shortage of cars and take steps to remedy the wrong.

Resolved, That this association and wool producers of New Mexico are unalterably opposed to any change in the tariff schedule on wool, except as to third class wool, which we insist that be changed as to prevent the fraudulent importation of clothing wools as third class, most of the wool which is now imported as third class, should come under the head of second class.

Resolved, That we urge upon the sheep growers, the improvement of the grade of sheep so as to secure a greater output of the wool produce per head, per animal, and saving as to the area of sheep range and improving the grade of wool.

Resolved, That much land is included in forest reserves, which does not contain timber suitable for manufacture, and which is only fit for grazing or agriculture, we insist that such reserves shall be curtailed so as to eliminate from the lands not containing growing timber which is or may be suitable for manufacturing lumber therefrom.

Resolved, That the people of New Mexico feel that they have waited six years for statehood they have shown sufficient patience; that any further delay in admitting them to statehood, the enjoyment of all the constitutional rights of full citizenship under a state would be wrong, and an outrage on them, and they demand immediate action on the part of the federal government towards admitting New Mexico to statehood, as was guaranteed to them by the treaty of annexation, and as they are right ought to be.

The Public Lands Question.

Mr. Huling said: "Since I spoke from this platform a year ago, there was held in the city of Denver a convention, called by the governor of the state of Colorado, to deliberate on the question of the control by the United States government of grazing on the public lands."

"It was shown that the administration—the president, the department of the interior, and the department of agriculture, desired to put into effect a system very much in line with the control of grazing in the national forests. And there had been so much criticism of, and dissatisfaction with, the rules and regulations of the officials in control of the national forests, that it was hoped by the originators of this convention that it would formulate some ideas, on which could be based laws which would be acceptable to stockmen generally. And enable their representatives to go before the two houses of congress and ask for the passage of such laws."

"There are a number of representative sheep growers here present who were delegates to that convention, and we all know how little was accomplished. At least half of the total time of the convention was given to high officials of the administration, and the presentation of their views in was given with respectful attention. The greater part of the remaining time was taken up in wrangling on organizational politics, senseless and unimportant. And the balance in loud complaint of many grievances in the administration of the forest reserves."

"The entire work of the convention resulted in the passage of a set of resolutions. They may be summed up as follows: 'We endorse the policies of the authorities in the matter of forest reserves, because we are

don't seem to be any show for us to get a change; but we don't want the same general line of control applied to the balance of the public domain.'

"Not one single suggestion was made, in the line of laws to take the place of those proposed by the government. And only one delegate got a chance to say what he himself would like, in the way of a special privilege on the public lands. He professed to be a small cattle owner, and said he would like to lease more or less land immediately around his home ranch, and have undisputed control of such leasehold."

"If every practical sheep, cattle or horse grower there present had been able to tell, in a few words, what he would like for himself, we might have gotten at some basis for laws to propose to our senators and representatives in congress. But the expressed sentiment of the convention seemed to be that the representatives of the government were against the majority of the stockmen, and that the majority of the stockmen were opposed to the measures proposed by the administration. And it was practically a deadlock. At this moment, beyond the fact that the people present—delegates and others—who shouted the loudest, seemed to be opposed to their measures, and prominent officials of the national government do not know what the range stockmen would like."

"A great many of us, if we could have just exactly what we desire for ourselves, would not object to paying reasonably for the privileges we might enjoy. Among many stockmen there is a strong sentiment for the leasing of stated and defined lands, for long terms of years, do no think there are many who favor the permit system, now in operation on the national forests, which has been a favorite measure of the officials in Washington, and which the Burkett bill proposed to apply to the general public domain. I believe a law proposed later favors more a definite leasing with a very small limit for each stockman."

"But there is one idea which was just touched on at the Denver convention, which would be made a strong argument by the stockmen of the states and territories which now hold almost all the public lands remaining. While the entire people of the United States are the nominal owners of our public lands, they are, in fact and in right, the property of the people who live and make their homes within the boundaries of the states and territories containing the same. The United States government is the trustee, no more, for the people of the state or territory in which these lands may lie. Every man who comes into your territory, locates on the land which the law gives him, makes a home becomes a voter and pays taxes on his property, should, and must have, a voice in the affairs of his adopted home. But, is there any justice or right in having our affairs controlled by the representatives of all of the other states of the union, whose public lands long ago passed into private ownership, as the laws provided they should, and in whose affairs we have no voice?"

"We admit that any individual, now the resident of any state of the union, who desires to come in our territory and exercise his right under the laws of the United States, should have a voice in the control of the public lands lying within the territory of New Mexico. But until he does so elect to possess a right in our affairs, by his own voluntary act, in becoming one of us, what right have we in our affairs as residents of Vermont, of Illinois, or Kansas?"

"Yet, the representatives in congress, and the senators of the United States propose to enact laws for us, which, if put in force and administered as are the affairs of the national forests, takes away from the control of its waters millions of acres of land, and in actual effect millions upon millions of dollars' worth of our cattle, horses and sheep. Putting under the control and management of comparatively a few beyond the aggregate value of all the trusts in the world. And we do not even have a voice in the election of those men who are to control our affairs."

"I want to say, most emphatically, that until the grazing question is touched, I am heartily in sympathy with the magnificent work of the forestry department. Only men of large affairs, can fully appreciate the wonderful executive ability now exercised in the management of the affairs at large of the national forests. Yet they should be a state in situations where it is practical. But it is not, and it is well as they are. And the older states would be far richer today and forever, had this policy of preservation been put into effect generations ago. But when this department has preserved the forests from waste and destruction, and have put their resources at the disposal of the people in all reasonable ways, they have performed their work. And when they get down to the paternal direction of private affairs, in the way stock interests are handled under the present rules and regulations as to grazing, I say they are usurping the rights of the people of the states and territories affected."

"We were told plainly, by the representatives of the department in Washington, at the Denver convention, 'Gentlemen, it don't make any difference what you want, or what

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ABOUT TOWN

Miss S. C. Hart is a Santa Fe visitor in Albuquerque. The postoffice will observe Sunday hours tomorrow, 10 to 11 a. m. Mrs. L. B. Prince, of Santa Fe, is here visiting friends and seeing the fair.

B. A. Knowles, of Deming, is in the city visiting the fair and transacting business.

Another fair and cloudless day has made the fair crowds enjoy the amusements to a great extent.

Mrs. Sals, of Ileta, is in the city accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Brown, of Los Angeles. Mrs. Brown expects to remain in the territory a month.

On Thursday Albuquerque day between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p. m., all cars will run between First street and the fair grounds only. Albuquerque Traction Co.

The inquest over the body of Donatiano Archibque, who was shot Monday afternoon in a rooming house on East street, will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Oscar C. Watson, superintendent of agents for the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York in New Mexico, is in the city visiting friends. Mr. Watson's headquarters are at Santa Fe.

C. E. Foraker, the well known cattle man of Engle, and a brother of U. S. Marshall Creighton M. Foraker of this city, arrived in Albuquerque last night and will remain here a few days visiting the fair.

Clara Garcia, the old Indian woman who periodically appears in police court, was up again this morning and sentenced to ten days in the county jail. The old woman was found lying on the railroad tracks.

G. M. Morris, manager of the Crystal Theatre of Trinidad, Colo., is in the city visiting the management of the local Crystal theatre. Mr. Morris and Mr. Orendorf, press agent for the local theatre, are brothers-in-law.

A divorce decree was granted yesterday by Judge Ira A. Abbott to Julio Sanchez, who sued for a divorce from his wife, Cenelon R. de Sanchez, on the grounds of abandonment. The plaintiff was awarded the custody of his children. Attorney M. C. Ortiz represented the plaintiff.

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of the season at the Commercial club tonight with a grand ball in honor of Governor George Curry and Brigadier General Thomas. The members of the club and their friends will attend, and a splendid time is in prospect. A light luncheon will be served during the evening.

From 1:30 until 3:30 tomorrow afternoon, on account of Albuquerque day, all the cars on the traction line will run from First street to the park only. There will be no cars coming through the city on the other lines. This is necessitated by the fact that the attendance tomorrow will undoubtedly exceed that of all other days and the company will need all its cars on the park line. 3:30 regular service will be resumed elsewhere.

To Robert Claire Hughes, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes of 204 South Silver avenue, was awarded the prize for the best dispositioned child in the baby show of 1907. The little fellow is but eight and one half months old and has long enjoyed a reputation among those who know the family for the very quality in which the strangers who were appointed to do the judging decided that he excelled. The father of the prize winner is a valued employee of The Citizen.

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